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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>		<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/629,412		TRIPLETT ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>		<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Robert Rose		3723	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>1/16/04</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

### DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Applicant's Prior Art Statement(2 pages), filed January 16, 2004.

2. Claims 1-8 are presented for examination.

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 1, lines 14-15 the phrase "the horizontal conveyor" is without proper antecedent support. In claim 2, lines 3-4 "the attachment" lacks an antecedent basis. In claim 7, lines 6, and 9, "the blade" is without proper antecedent support. In claim 7, line 13 the phrase "the circular blade" is without proper antecedent support. In claim 8, lines 3-4 "the blade" lacks proper antecedent basis.

5. Claims 1-8 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jennings et al is cited to show a rock sawing apparatus with endless conveyor and side guide rails. Ronzanni is cited of interest to show a rock sawing apparatus with conveyor and sets of saw blades capable of cutting at right angles to each other. Bein is cited of interest to show a rock sawing apparatus having a means for controlling the speed of a conveyor motor based on an inverse relation to the load on the blade motor. Backer is cited of interest to show an infeeding device for a

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grinding machine which is responsive to load on the grinding wheel motor, to vary the infeed rate. Corbin(British 842982 is cited to show a rock sawing machine with two sets of saw blades oriented at right angles to each other for cutting away corner edges of the stone.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Robert Rose at telephone number (571) 272-4494.

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December 10, 2004.

Robert Rose  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit 3723

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Rose', written over the printed name and title.